

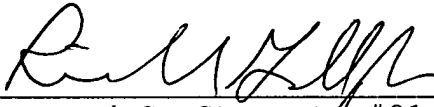


- ☐ Petition for ( ) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
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CAPROLACTONE

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
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July 29, 2004

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 7, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.